

REMARKS

The claims have been amended so as to make the recitation of the diaphragm more particular.

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicant elects Group IV, claims 13-20, drawn to an apparatus, with traverse.

It is not believed to be accurate to say that the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice other and materially different processes of depositing powder, such as for coating a catalyst support. In fact, claim 13, the basic apparatus claim, is specific to the use of medication powder in a dose forming process wherein an electrostatic chuck is the target in the dose forming process and the target area is adapted to receive at least one pre-metered medicament dose. Thus, the apparatus claims are directed to the same invention as the method claims and so are not divisible from the method claims.

It is believed to follow, therefore, that all of claims 1-20 should be examined together, as they are all directed to the same invention.

Moreover, separate classification is no indication of the propriety of a requirement for restriction. Classification is solely for the convenience of the Patent Office and the searching public and cannot diminish an applicant's rights in any way.

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. An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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